(b) the number of major and medium industries set up in private and public sectors in that State, and

(c) the measures taken by Government to develop Meghalaya industrially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) No industrial licence could be issued to Meghalaya during the Sixth Plan Period. However, 22 letters of intent as per details given below were issued in Maghalaya.

Year	Letters of Intent
1980	..
1981	11
1982	4
1983	4
1984	2
1985 (up to March) . .	1
	22

(c) Setting up of industries in a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Govt. concerned. However, the Central Govt. supplements their efforts by providing certain incentives, concessions etc. Entire North Eastern Region (including Meghalaya) has been included in Category 'A' and entrepreneurs setting up industries there are eligible for 25 per cent central subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs which has further been enhanced to Rs. 50 lakhs which has further been enhanced to Rs. 50 lakhs w.e.f. 1-4-1985 for setting up electronics industries in Hill districts of Category 'A'. The details of incentives available to entrepreneurs for setting up industries in backward areas are available in the Booklet on 'Incentives for industries in Backward Areas' read with Press Note No. 14|2|83-DBA.I dated 9-4-85 copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Production and import of Newsprint

2175. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount of newsprint produced indigenously during 1984-85 and the amount of newsprint imported during that year;

(b) what are the major schemes for increasing production of newsprint in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) by when the country is expected to be self-reliant in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) (a) The production of newsprint in the country during the year 1984-85 was 2,00,547 tonnes and imports were of the order of 2,40,324 tonnes.

(b) and (c) The requirementt of newsprint in the country is met by indigenous production and also by imports. Besides the present installed capacity of 2.80 lakh tonnes, an additional capacity of 7.75 lakh tonnes has been approved by way of Industrial Licences|Letters of Intent and these are under various stages of implementation.

Orders for manufacturing of wagons

2176. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual manufacturing capacity of wagon industry in the country, at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission have projected a demand of Four wheeler wagons to the tune of 1,24,000 during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, what is the estimated demand for wagons in the railways for 1985-86;

(d) whether order for manufacturing of wagons (four wheeler) has been restricted to 5,000 for the year 1985-86;

(e) whether the proposed restriction on manufacturing of wagons will lead to non-utilisation of its capacity; and

(f) whether on the basis of the previous year's figures the surplus wagons are proposed to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The total annual capacity, in terms of four-wheeler units, is of the order of 26040 Nos.

(b) The Planning Commission have estimated that the total requirement during 7th Five Year Plan may work out to a level of 1.5 lakh wagons to meet certain projected freight demand. However, the 7th Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

(c) Railways have estimated demand for wagons, in four wheeler units, to the tune of 20,000 units.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) 300 wagons in four-wheeler units are proposed to be exported during 1985-86.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

2177. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has formulated major expansion programme for the Seventh Plan for development of the Khadi and Village Industries, thereby generating additional employment opportunities;

(b) if so, what is the capital outlay of the Plan and the broad features thereof;

(c) whether the said Commission has suggested that development of Khadi and Village Industries should be associated with the Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(d) whether the Commission has also suggested that subsidy in the form of rebate on the Khaddar products at the rate of 20 per cent should be allowed throughout the year, instead of for only 90 days, as at present; and

(e) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. KVIC has formulated a Plan for achieving an employment level of 50 lakhs by 1989-90 (20 lakhs under Khadi and 30 lakhs under Village Industries).

(b) The total Seventh Plan outlay proposed by KVIC is Rs. 1025 crores out of which Rs. 540 crores will be the budgetary support in the shape of grants, loan etc. from Government of India.

(c) The working group on KVI (7th Plan) has suggested that KVIC should be associated with the implementation of Integrated Rural Development Programme.

(d) and (e) A dialogue is currently going on between the Government and the KVIC on revision of the existing rebate scheme for Khadi.

Electronic Telephone Exchange at Dibrugarh

2178. SHRI SCATO SWU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total installed and the maximum working capacity of the new electronic telephone exchange at Dibrugarh;